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POLITICAL

SOUTH KOREAN STUDENTS BOYCOTT US GOODS -- Peiping, Chung-kuo Ch'ing-nien Pao, 23 Jul 60, p 4

South Korean university students continue to boycott US goods in Seoul, Taegu, and Pusan. On 20 July, over 800 Seoul University students staged a demonstration parade, shouting slogans calling on the people not to smoke US cigarettes. On 17 July, the students in Taegu entered bars, dance halls, and coffee shops and called on the patrons not to smoke US cigarettes and not to drink coffee and Coca-Cola. The boycott against US goods started on 13 July in Pusan.

ECONOMIC

STRESSES TECHNOLOGY IN INDUSTRY -- Bucharest, Colectia de Hotariri si Dispozitii ale Consiliului de Ministri al Republicii Populare Romine, Vol IX, No 24, 18 Jul 60

To achieve the tasks set by the Third Congress of the Rumanian Workers Party [20-25 June 1960], the party Central Committee and the Council of Ministers of the Rumanian People's Republic issued a joint decision on 2 July which sets forth detailed measures to be taken to raise the level of technology in Rumanian industry. Among other measures, the decision provides for establishing a Committee on New Technology to "map out, coordinate, and control activities connected with the introduction and extension of new technology...." Suggestions made by this committee will be subject to approval by the Council of Ministers and will be concerned with all aspects of the introduction and control of new technology in production. The committee will be chiefly concerned with selecting the types of products to be manufactured and determining which will be important; respecting technological discipline and improving the quality of products; the profiling and specializing of enterprise production programs; the cooperation of enterprises; the extension of mechanization and automation; research and technical documentation; and measures for stimulating the introduction of new technology.

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[Comment: July 1960 issues of several Rumanian technical journals contain loose-leaf inserts of the text of this decision, a full translation of which will appear in JPRS report, Selected Economic Translations on Eastern Europe.]

POOR PLANNING IN INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION -- Berlin, Neues Deutschland, 11 Aug 60, p 2

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The inadequate preparation of construction projects by the central plan recipients, the unsatisfactory detailing of plans, and the inadequate use of machines are contributing to the poor status of planning in the field of industrial construction in the GDR, according to Guenther Peters, Deputy Minister of Construction, at a 9 August third work session of the Advisory Council for Construction of the Ministry of Construction.

NEW TIRE PLANT -- Bucharest, Tehnica Noua, 3 Aug 60

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A factory for the manufacture of automobile tires and tubes, a major objective of the Rumanian Six-Year Plan, is being built on the site of the former Popesti-Leordeni airport, 10 kilometers from Bucharest. The main building covers about 36,000 square meters and is connected to three other sections. Now under construction are a tire testing station and a carbon black storehouse which, in addition to the usual compartments for storing granulated carbon black, will contain eight cylindrical silos 5 meters in diameter and 17 meters high.

[Comment: Article gives more detailed description of the new plant and is accompanied by an aerial diagram numbering each component part of the plant and providing its corresponding description in the caption.]

SOCIOLOGICAL

HUNGARIANS PUBLISH ITALIAN COMMUNIST MATERIAL -- Rome, L'Unita, 24 Jul 60

The Kossuth Publishing House in Budapest, which is mainly concerned with political publications, recently published two works on the Italian Communist Party: The Italian Communist Party, by Palmiro Togliatti, and The Ninth Congress of the Italian Communist Party.

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SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

PROCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE FOR RHEUMATISM -- Belgrade, Borba, 1 Aug 60, p 4

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Procaine hydrochloride of 2 percent strength in 5-cubic-centimeter ampoules was recently registered with the Administration for Pharmaceutical Service and Medical Supplies in Belgrade as a means for treating sciatica and rheumatism, and for local anesthesia. This new preparation was found to have good results in tests at the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade. Known under the name of X-3, procaine hydrochloride has been used successfully by Rumanian Dr Ana Aslan in the treatment of the aged.

AUTOMATIC COMPUTER COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED -- Prague, Hospodarske Noviny, No 30, 22 Jul 60

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A Czechoslovak government resolution of 14 July 1960 established a Permanent Committee for Automatic Computers under the State Planning Commission, which will coordinate the hitherto isolated activities of various central organs and prepare proposals for the gradual development of a uniform nationwide system of calculating centers, including a communications network. The committee has the authority to determine the principles for the distribution of Czechoslovak and imported automatic computers and of the most important data-processing machines. It will coordinate requirements for the characteristics of these machines and transmit them to the developmental and research laboratories. The committee will submit proposals for the development of cooperation, primarily with the USSR and the other socialist countries, but will also use Western experiences.

The government has decided to give nationwide jurisdiction to the Research and Experimental Center and has ordered the Ministry of General Machine Building to propose measures for equipping the center with material and personnel. Under the government resolution, the institutions of higher education will receive, as soon as possible, two automatic computers which will be used not only for practical training but also for actual scientific-technical and economic computations. Central organs have been ordered to prepare a program for the introduction and use of automatic computers until 1965, and tentative proposals for the long-range development of the use of computers until 1975.

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